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The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1406; Municipal Development Fees; Procedures

Dear President Bee,

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1406, which would have placed further restrictions on municipalities that seek to make developers of new growth assist in paying the public costs of growth through the use of development fees.

Every legislative session, developers propose new procedural changes to the way municipalities may calculate, schedule or collect development fees. Rather than address these issues on a piecemeal basis as we have in the past, we should work on comprehensive procedures for the fair imposition of development fees. Such fees should create predictability for developers, provide needed public services more quickly and more equitably distribute the cost of new public services.

Arizona would benefit if an agreed upon, comprehensive approach to development fees would be considered during the next regular legislative session.

In the meantime, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1406. I look forward to working with all the interested parties as, together, we move forward.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", written over a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers